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History Expo features knowledge, creativity *1,200 students compete for special awards, chance to move forward to National History Day*

SPRINGFIELD – Dozens of Illinois students advanced to the National History Day competition after presenting research papers, exhibits, documentaries and more at the state's annual History Expo.

In addition, Zion Lutheran School in Lincoln won the Governor's Award for history education and Chicago Academy High School was named the National History Day Illinois School of the Year.

More than 20 students won special awards for their work on such topics as labor history, the courts and African-Americans in Illinois.

"These students demonstrated a tremendous amount of hard work and creativity," said Amy Martin, director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. "Their parents and teachers – and the whole state of Illinois, for that matter – should be proud of them."

Approximately 1,200 students competed in the Illinois History Expo on May 8. They qualified for the state event by taking part in regional history fairs. Illinois began sponsoring a student history contest some 60 years ago. It began with research papers, and exhibits were added to the contest about 10 years later.

Today, students also display their creativity and knowledge of history by producing documentaries, building websites and creating original performances.

Students who researched qualifying topics and scored high enough at the Illinois History Expo now move on to the national competition, which begins June 15 just outside Washington, D.C.

For photos, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/HistoryExpo14>

The special awards and the winners are:

Abraham Lincoln Association Award:

- Liam Draper, Lane Tech Academic Center, **Chicago**, for "How Illinois Copperheads Aided the Confederacy and Were Disloyal Toward the Union"



Elijah Lovejoy Award, Illinois Press Association:

- Kristen Rigsby, Taft Academic Center, **Chicago**, for "Robert McCormick: Defining the Rights and Responsibilities of a Free Press"

Ernst Ott Award, German American National Congress:

- Clarissa Genovese, Maine West High School, **Des Plaines**, for "Sweet Chicago: How Immigrants Sweetened the Candy Capital of America"

Governor's Award:

- Zion Lutheran School, **Lincoln**

Illinois and Michigan Canal Award:

- Juan Pablo Gomez, St. Peter Cathedral School, **Rockford**, for "The History of the I&M Canal"
- Emma Turk, Unity Point, **Carbondale**, for "The Illinois & Michigan Canal: A Turning Point in Illinois History"

Illinois Association of Museums Exhibit Design Excellence Award:

- Ryan Burkhardt, Maine West High School, **Des Plaines**, for "Cherry Mine Disaster"

- Osereme Erewele, Lincoln Magnet School, **Springfield**, for “The Tragedy of 1908”

Illinois Labor History Society Award:

- Patricia Zareba, Lincoln Park High School, **Chicago**, for “Hard Working People”
- Keith Calloway, Kenwood Academic Center, **Chicago**, for “Union Stockyards: Blood, Labor Rights, and Environmental Responsibilities”

Illinois Society Colonial Dames XVII Century Award:

- Margaret Echols, Waltham Elementary, **Utica**, for “Illinois River”
- Renee Garneau and Natalie Stricklan, Tri-Valley Middle School, **Downs**, for “Cahokia Mounds”
- Victoria Triplett, Zion Lutheran School, **Lincoln**, for “How Did Cahokia Mounds Impact on the Early Days of the People of Illinois?”

Illinois State Organization, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Award:

- Renee Garneau and Natalie Stricklan, , Tri-Valley Middle School, **Downs**, for “Cahokia Mounds”
- Breanna Jayes, **Herrin** Junior High, for “War of 1812 in Illinois”
- Susan Nash, Ogden International School of **Chicago**, for “The Women of War”

Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission Award:

- Ida Claude, Miette Hennessy, Angelica Ketcham and Carolyn Mei of Whitney Young Academic Center, **Chicago**, for “In the Grey Area: How Operation Greylord Changed America's Views of Justice”

Margaret Anne Petty Genealogical/Family History Award:

- Hannah Ketchum, Blessed Sacrament School, **Springfield**, for “Reisch Brewery”

National History Day Illinois School of the Year:

- **Chicago** Academy High School

Old State Capitol Award for African-American History Research Paper:

- Anne Pettit, PORTA High School, **Petersburg**, for “Richard Wright’s Responsibility: The Right Race Writing”

Old State Capitol Award for Women's History Research Paper:

- Jocelyn Garcia, Lincoln Magnet School, **Springfield**, for "Jane Addams: Success and Triumph"

The students advancing to National History Day are:

Dana Abou-Jabal, Carbondale Middle School; Roman Ahmed, Lincoln Park High School; Mary Kate Baughman, Immanuel Lutheran; Gabriella Benyas, Carbondale Middle School; Luccas Borges, Lincoln Park High School; Roberta Cacuci, Lincoln Park High School; Andrew Campoverde, Lincoln Park High School; Zoë Cloud, Science & Arts Academy; Karen Dai, University of Chicago Lab School; Lauren Dams, Waukegan High School; Amari Davis, Morton East High School.

Riley Epperson, Payson-Seymour Junior High; Arezou Esmaeeli, Carbondale Middle School; Olivia Fergus-Brummer, Decatur Classical School; Diane Franco, Roosevelt High School; Irena Gao, Unity Point; Leticia Garcia, Roosevelt High School; Faith Golz, Unity Point; Alex Goslin, St. Luke Parish; Samir Hadzic, Lincoln Park High School; Leah Hall, Unity Point; Lauryn Hinthorne, Payson-Seymour Junior High; Polly Hochman, Payton College Prep HS; Ailaa Ippensen, Payson-Seymour Junior High; Rahmah Isa, Carbondale Middle School; Marissa Ivory, Unity Point.



Nick Janowski, independent; Sophie Jensen, Lincoln Elementary; Elena Johnston, Payton College Prep High School; Alexis Jones, Carbondale Middle School; Jaelyn Jugo, Lincoln Park High School; Quinn Kelley, independent; Annie Knes, University of Chicago Lab School; Michael Korbut, Lincoln Park High School; Pat Kramer, University of Chicago Lab School; Angelica Krupa, Lincoln Park High School; Tenzin Kunsang, Lincoln Park High School.

Raquel Ledezma, Lincoln Park High School; Sophie Ljung, Whitney Young Academic Center; Samuel Lurye, Lincoln Park High School; Tabitha Maas, Payson-Seymour Junior High; Anthony Martinez, Chicago Academy High

School; Susana Martinez, Chicago Academy High School; Selena Mei, Lincoln Park High School; Giselle Mena, Chicago Academy High School; Rachel Miller, Lincoln Park High School; Bridget Musker, Edison Regional Gifted Center.

Joseph Padmanabhan, Decatur Classical School; Gianna Padula, St. Luke Parish; Clay Pasqual, independent; Anastasya Pentya, Lincoln Park High School; Lisandra Perez, Chicago Academy High School; Julia Porter, Payton College Prep High School; Kristen Rigsby, Taft Academic Center; James Rockey, Decatur Classical School; Xiomara Rodriguez, Payton College Prep.

Bianca Saputra, Mead Junior High; Kaitlyn Schatteman, St. Mary's Catholic School, DeKalb; Tori Schieferdecker, Payson-Seymour Junior High; Kate Schindler, Science & Arts Academy; Keaton Schwartz, Whitney Young Academic Center; Ray Shang, Carbondale Middle School; Zachary Sims, University of Chicago Lab School; Karina Solano, Social Justice High School; Karla Solis, Payton College Prep High School.

Lilana Taub, Whitney Young Academic Center; Jasmyn Taylor, Carbondale Middle School; James Turek, University of Chicago Lab School; AJ Turman, Carbondale Middle School; Sonia Wanberg, Taft Academic Center; Rex Wang, independent; Casey Wangman, Decatur Classical School; Ben Weingarten, Evanston Township High School; Sarah Yamaguchi, Mead Junior High.

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